Tribals Exploited in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

2105. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribals of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are losing their land through illegal sales after the death of the land holder, through the connivance of revenue authorities;

(b) whether the tribal girls are being exploited through temporary marriages with non-tribals settling in the territory;

(c) whether adivasi girls are being exploited in the flesh trade because of their property; and

(d) whether Ministry has examined the report of the national Commission for women on the condition of women in the territories and what follow up action is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) During the meeting of National Commission for women with NGOs etc. held in Silvassa on 27.9.2004, it was alleged that outsiders are exploiting tribal girls and that there alleged sale of land belonging to tribals. On investigation by officers of the UT Administration, these allegations have not been substaintiated.

Peace talks with NDFB and ULFA

2106. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of peace negotiation with National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) and the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

(b) whether any modalities have been framed for the settlement of the problems raised by NDFB; and

(c) the level at which the discussion with NDFB is going on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Central Government has informed the Government of Assam to hold talks with the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). It has been conveyed that the representatives of the Government of India will be associated during the talks.

Government has received an appeal from Prof. Indira Goswami for "Peace Talks" with the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA). The appeal indicated the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India without pre-conditions, and also specifically referred to their 'core demand' of sovereignty. In reply to the appeal it was reiterated that the Government of India had consistently expressed its willingness to talk to all groups, which were prepared to abjure the path of violence.

Secret Meeting between PWG and ULFA

†2107. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a secret meeting was held between Naxalite leaders (PWG) and ULFA in Dhaka in October, 2004;

(b) any other information received by Government in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Kidnapping of NHPC Engineers

†2108. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the central point behind the incident of kidnapping of General Manager and Chief Engineer of National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) in Vaishali, Bihar on 20th November, 2004;

(b) the main motive for this kidnapping and the organization responsible mainly for the same; and

(c) what action Government of India are taking for the release of these two senior officials of NHPC from the kidnappers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The Government of Bihar has informed that an FIR was registered under sections 395/364A/120 of IPC

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.